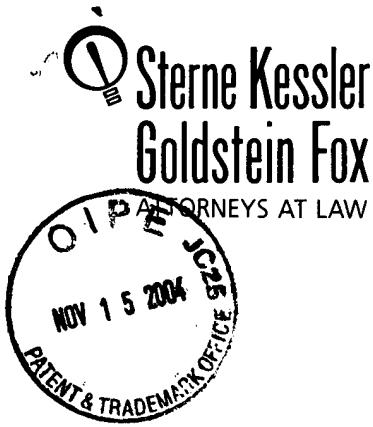


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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
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For: **Lithographic Apparatus and Device Manufacturing Method**  
Inventors: Cheng-Qun GUI *et al.*  
Our Ref: 1857.2610000

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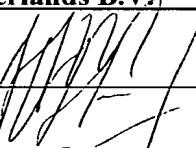
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